

Continues Fight to Restore Fiscal Discipline and Accountability in Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today voted for H.R. 5146, a bipartisan bill to stop automatic pay increases for Members of Congress in fiscal year 2011. This is yet another step Rep. Sanchez has taken to restore fiscal discipline in government and build a strong foundation for Orange County’s economy.

“Families in my district have been forced to make hard decisions and cut spending to make ends meet. Why shouldn’t Members of Congress do the same?” said Rep. Sanchez, who is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Democrats. “Our focus must be on getting people back to work, strengthening our economy, and reducing the deficit. That’s what I will continue to fight for in Congress.”

In 1989, Congress approved a bill that provides lawmakers with an automatic pay raise unless they specifically vote to reject the raise. Last year, Rep. Sanchez was successful in blocking the fiscal year 2010 pay raise by voting for H.R. 156, a bipartisan bill that is similar to H.R. 5146.